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1. Leisnig (K-69) was occupied on 25 March 1948 by approximately 6,000 Mongolian troops under European Russian officers. Early in April, motorized units began moving westward through Leisnig at a rate of two to three thousand men per day. These troops had allegedly come from Pomerania and were bound for border locations in Saxony and Thuringia.
2. Billeting was being arranged early in April in the Erzgebirge area for 20,000 men. It was not specified whether these would be troops or laborers. Six hundred border troops are already occupying the Kutzscher factory in Schwarzenberg (K-52). A factory in Lauter (K-52) has been ordered to prepare toilets and laundries and to nail up windows in preparation for the arrival of 600 men, allegedly miners. All dance halls and cafes in the area were ordered to close by 1 April. Various plants in Beierfeld (K-53), Bernsbach (K-53), and Johanngeorgenstadt (K-51) are to be entirely requisitioned. The German-Czech border here is being controlled by Mongolian troops.
3. The town of Jelenia Gora (formerly Hirschberg-G-68) was occupied early in March 1948 by approximately three Russian regiments equipped with armored reconnaissance cars. The two Polish infantry training regiments with Soviet cadre, which had formerly occupied Jelenia Gora, were withdrawn eastward.

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